

NOCTURNAL ADORATION



*"Could You Not Watch
One Hour With Me?"*

Matt. XXVI — 40

HOLY THURSDAY
GOOD FRIDAY

ARCHDIOCESAN UNION OF
HOLY NAME SOCIETIES

9 WHITMORE STREET
BOSTON 11, MASS.

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE

1. A Leader should be appointed for each Hour. His duty will be to see to it that books are provided and that the men are properly grouped at the front of the Church or before the Repository. He should also see to the candles, particularly during the late night hours unless the Parish has designated some one else to do this.
2. Readers may be appointed for each quarter hour to lead the prayers and read the Passion. The practice of the *entire* group reading the Passion in unison, is highly recommended.

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HOLY NAME PLEDGE

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

I believe, O Jesus,

That Thou art the Christ,

The Son of the living God.

I proclaim my love

For the Vicar of Christ on Earth.

I believe all the sacred truths,

Which the Holy Catholic Church

Believes and teaches.

I promise to give good example

By the regular practice

Of my faith.

In honor of His Divine Name,

I pledge myself against perjury,

Blasphemy, profanity, and obscene speech.

I pledge my loyalty

To the flag of my country

And to the God given principles

Of freedom, justice, and happiness,

For which it stands.

I pledge my support

To all lawful authority,

Both civil and religious.

I dedicate my manhood

To the honor of the Sacred Name of

Jesus Christ,

And beg that He will keep me faithful

To these pledges

Until death.

AT BEGINNING OF HOUR

- 1) All *recite* aloud “Holy Name Pledge”—(Stand) Page 6.
- 2) Read aloud first four sections of “The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ” according to St. Matthew 26, 1-31 —(Sit) Pages 8, 9.
- 3) Pause for private meditation and prayer.—(Sit)

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew

PROPHECY AND CONSPIRACY

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: "You know that after two days the Passover will be here; and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified." Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered together in the court of the high priest, who was called Caiphas, and they took counsel together how they might seize Jesus by stealth and put Him to death. But they said, "Not on the feast, or there might be a riot among the people."

JUDAS SEEKS TO BETRAY CHRIST

Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came up to Him with an alabaster jar of precious ointment, and she poured it on His head, as He reclined at table. But when the disciples saw this, they were indignant, and said, "To what purpose is this waste? for this might have been sold for much and given to the poor." But Jesus, perceiving it, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has done Me a good turn. For the poor you have always with you, but you do not always have Me. For in pouring this ointment on My Body, she has done it for My burial. Amen I say to you, wherever in the whole world this gospel is preached, this also that she has done shall be told in memory of her." Then one of the Twelve,, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests, and said to them, "What are you willing to give me, and I will deliver Him to you?" But they counted him out thirty pieces of silver. And from then on he was watching for an opportunity to betray Him.

THE LAST SUPPER

Now on the first day of the Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Where dost Thou want us to prepare for Thee to eat the passover?" But Jesus said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Master says, My time is near at hand; at thy house I am keeping the Passover with My disciples.'" And the disciples did as Jesus bade them, and prepared the passover. Now when evening arrived, He reclined at table with the twelve disciples. And while they were eating, He said, "Amen I say to you, one of you will betray Me." And being very much saddened they began each to say, "Is it I, Lord?" But He answered and said, "He who dips his hand with Me in the dish, he will betray Me. The Son of Man indeed goes His way, as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It were better for that man if he had not been born." And Judas who betrayed Him answered and said, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "Thou hast said it."

JESUS INSTITUTES THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

And while they were at supper, Jesus took bread, and blessed and broke, and gave it to His disciples, and said, "Take and eat; this is My Body." And taking a cup, He gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, "All of you drink of this; for this is My Blood of the new covenant, which is being shed for many unto the forgiveness of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I shall drink it with you in the kingdom of My Father." And after reciting a hymn, they went out to Mount Olivet.

AT QUARTER PAST THE HOUR

- 1) All *recite* "Litany of Holy Name"
(Leader recites Verse, others give
the response) — (Kneel) Page 11,
12.
- 2) Read aloud second four sections
of "The Passion" (Matt. 26, 31-69
— (Sit) Pages 14, 15, 16.
- 3) Pause for private Meditation and
prayer.— (Sit)

LITANY OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.
Jesus, hear us.
Jesus, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,

Jesus, Holy Trinity One God,
Jesus, Son of the Living God,
Jesus, splendor of the Father,
Jesus, brightness of eternal light,
Jesus, King of glory,
Jesus, Sun of Justice,
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,
Jesus, most lovable,
Jesus, most wonderful
Jesus, mighty God,
Jesus, Father of the world to come,
Jesus, Angel of the great counsel,
Jesus, most powerful,
Jesus, most patient,
Jesus, most obedient,
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
Jesus, lover of chastity,
Jesus, lover of us,
Jesus, God of peace,
Jesus, author of life
Jesus, example of virtues,
Jesus, zealous lover of souls,
Jesus, our God,
Jesus, our refuge,
Jesus, Father of the poor,
Jesus, treasure of the faithful,
Jesus, Good Shepherd,
Jesus, true light,
Jesus, eternal wisdom,
Jesus, infinite goodness,

HAVE MERCY ON US

Jesus, our way and our life,
Jesus, joy of angels,
Jesus, king of patriarchs,
Jesus, master of apostles,
Jesus, teachers of evangelists,
Jesus, strength of martyrs,
Jesus, light of confessors,
Jesus, purity of virgins,
Jesus, crown of all saints,

Be merciful unto us,

Spare us O Jesus.

Be merciful unto us,

Graciously hear us, O Jesus.

From all evil, Jesus, deliver us.
From all sin,
From Thy wrath,
From the snares of the devil,
From the spirit of uncleanness,
From everlasting death,
From the neglect of Thy inspirations,
Through the mystery of Thy holy
Incarnation

Through Thy Nativity,
Through Thine infancy,
Through Thy most divine life,
Through Thy labors,
Through Thine agony and passion,
Through Thy Cross and dereliction,
Through Thy faintness and weariness,
Through Thy death and burial,
Through Thy resurrection,
Through Thy ascension,
Through Thine institution of the most
Holy Eucharist,
Through Thy joys,
Through Thy glory,

Lamb of God, Who takest away, the sins
of the world,

Spare us, O Lord Jesus.

Lamb of God, Who takest away, the sins
of the world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord Jesus.

Lamb of God, Who takest away, the sins
of the world,

Have mercy on us, O Lord Jesus.

Jesus, hear us.

Jesus, graciously hear us.

PRAYER

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast said: Ask, and you shall receive; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; grant, if it please Thee, to our urgent prayers, the grace to love Thee so that our desires, our words, and our actions shall breathe only Thy divine love, and that we shall never cease to praise Thee, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

JESUS PREDICTS THEIR DISLOYALTY

Then Jesus said to them, "You will all be scandalized this night because of Me; for it is written, 'I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I have risen, I will go before you into Galilee." But Peter answered and said to Him, "Even though all shall be scandalized because of Thee, I will never be scandalized." Jesus said to him, "Amen I say to thee, this very night, before a cock crows, thou wilt deny Me thrice." Peter said to Him, "Even if I should have to die with Thee. I will not deny Thee!" And all the disciples said the same thing.

THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN

Then Jesus came with them to a country place called Gethsemani, and He said to His disciples, "Sit down here, while I go over yonder and pray." And He took Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be saddened and exceedingly troubled. Then He said to them, "My soul is sad, even unto death. Wait here and watch with Me." And going forward a little, He fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from Me; yet not as I will, but as Thou willest." Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And He said to Peter, "Could you not then watch one hour with Me? Watch and pray, that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again a second time He went away and prayed, saying, "My Father, if this cup cannot pass away unless I drink it, Thy will be done." And He came again and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. And leaving them He went back again, and prayed a third time, saying the same words

over. Then He came to His disciples, and said to them, "Sleep on now, and take your rest! Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man will be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us go. Behold, he who betrays Me is at hand."

TREACHERY AND FLIGHT

And while He was yet speaking, behold Judas, one of the Twelve, came and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and elders of the people. Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying "Whomever I kiss, that is He; lay hold of Him." And he went straight up to Jesus and said, "Hail, Rabbi!" and kissed Him. And Jesus said to him, "Friend, for what purpose hast thou come?" Then they came forward and set hands on Jesus and took Him. And behold, one of those who were with Jesus, stretching forth his hand, drew his sword, and striking the servant of the high priest, cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put back thy sword into its place; for all those who take the sword will perish by the sword. Or dost thou suppose that I cannot entreat My Father, and He will even now furnish Me with more than twelve legions of angels? How then are the Scriptures to be fulfilled, that thus it must happen?" In that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "As against a robber you have come out, with swords and clubs to seize Me. I sat daily with you in the temple teaching, and you did not lay hands on Me." Now all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples left Him and fled.

JESUS AFFIRMS HE IS GOD

Now those who had taken Jesus led Him away to Caiphas the high priest, where the Scribes and the elders had gathered together. But Peter was following Him at a distance, even to the courtyard of the high priest, and he went in and sat with the attendants to see the end. Now the chief priests and all the Sanhedrin were seeking false witness against Jesus, that they might put Him to death., but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. But last of all there came forward two false witnesses, and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it after three days.'" Then the high priest, standing up, said to Him, "Dost Thou make no answer to the things that these men prefer against Thee?" But Jesus kept silence. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure Thee by the living God that Thou tell us whether Thou art the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "Thou hast said it. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power and coming upon the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his garments, saying "He has blasphemed; what further need have we of witnesses? Behold, now you have heard the blasphemy. What do you think? And they answered and said, "He is liable to death." Then they spat in His face and buffeted Him; while others struck His face with the palms of their hands, saying, "Prophecy to us, O Christ! who is it that struck Thee?"

AT HALF-PAST THE HOUR

- 1) All *recite* "The Rosary-Sorrowful Mysteries" (Kneel) Agony in Garden, Scourging, Crowning, Carrying of the Cross, and Crucifixion.
- 2) Read aloud the next three sections of "The Passion" (Matt. 26, 69-75.) (Matt. 27, 1-27.) Pages 18, 19, 20. (Sit)
- 3) Pause for private meditation and prayer.— (Sit)

DENIAL BY PETER

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard; and a maidservant came up to him and said, "Thou also wast with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied before them all, saying, "I do not know what thou art saying." And when he had gone out to the gateway, another maid saw him,, and said to those who were there, "This man also was with Jesus of Nazareth." And again he denied with an oath, "I do not know the Man!" And after a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "'Surely thou also art one of them, for even thy speech betrays thee.'" Then he began to curse and to swear that he did not know the Man. And at that moment a cock crowed. And Peter remembered the word that Jesus had said, "Before a cock crows, thou wilt deny Me thrice." And he went out and wept bitterly.

THE DESPAIR OF JUDAS

Now when morning came all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel together against Jesus in order to put Him to death. And they bound Him and led Him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the procurator. Then Judas, who betrayed Him, when he saw that He was condemned, repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying, "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it thyself." And he flung the pieces of silver into the temple, and withdrew; and went away and hanged himself with a halter. And the chief priests took the pieces of silver, and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, seeing that it is the price of blood." And after they had consulted together, they bought with them the potter's

field, as a burial place for strangers. For this reason that field has been called even to this day, Haceldama, that is, the Field of Blood. Then was fulfilled what was spoken through Jeremias the prophet, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him who was priced, upon whom the children of Israel set a price; and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

BARABBAS CHOSEN—CHRIST REJECTED

Now Jesus stood before the procurator; and the procurator asked Him, saying "Art Thou the King of the Jews?" Jesus said to him, "Thou sayest it." And when He was accused by the chief priests and the elders, He made no answer. Then Pilate said to Him, "Dost Thou not hear how many things they prefer against Thee?" But He did not answer him a single word, so that the procurator wondered exceedingly. Now at festival time the procurator used to release to the crowd a prisoner, whomever they would. Now he had at that time a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said, "Whom do you wish that I release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus Who is called Christ?" For he knew that they had delivered Him up out of envy. Now, as he was sitting on the judgment-seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that Just Man, for I have suffered many things in a dream today because of Him." But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to destroy Jesus. But the procurator addressed them, and said to them, "Which of the two do you wish that I release to you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate

said to them, "What then am I to do with Jesus Who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" The procurator said to them, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they kept crying out the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!" Now Pilate, seeing that he was doing no good, but rather that a riot was breaking out, took water and washed his hands in sight of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this Just Man; see to it yourselves." And all the people answered and said, "His blood be on us and on our children." Then he released to them Barabbas; but Jesus he scourged and delivered to them to be crucified.

AT QUARTER OF THE HOUR

- 1) All *recite* "Litany of Sacred Heart" (Leader recites Verse, others give response)—(Kneel)
Pages 22, 23.
- 2) Read aloud next five sections of "The Passion" (Matt. 27, 27-55.)
Pages 24, 25. (Sit)
- 3) Pause for Private Meditation and prayer.—(Sit)

Closing prayer—Communion of the Mass. — (Kneel) Page 26.

LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART

LORD, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father,

Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Ghost

in the Womb of the Virgin Mother,

Heart of Jesus, substantially united to the

Word of God,

Heart of Jesus, of Infinite Majesty,

Heart of Jesus, Sacred Temple of God,

Heart of Jesus, Tabernacle of the Most

High

Heart of Jesus, House of God and Gate of

Heaven,

Heart of Heaven, burning furnace of charity,

Heart of Jesus, abode of justice and love,

Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love,

Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues,

Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise.

Heart of Jesus, King and Center of all

hearts,

Heart of Jesus, in whom are all the treasures

of wisdom and knowledge,

Heart of Jesus, in whom dwells the fulness

of Divinity,

Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father was well

pleased,

Heart of Jesus, of whose fulness we have all

received,

Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills,

Heart of Jesus, patient and most merciful,

Heart of Jesus, enriching all who invoke

Thee,

Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness,

HAVE MERCY ON US

Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our sins,
Heart of Jesus, loaded down with opprobrium,

Heart of Jesus, bruised for our offences,
Heart of Jesus, obedient unto death,
Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance,
Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation,
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection,
Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation,
Heart of Jesus, Victim of sin,
Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who trust
in Thee,

Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in
Thee,

Heart of Jesus, delight of all the saints,

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of
the world,

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of
the world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of
the world,

Have mercy on us.

V. Jesus, meek and humble of heart.

R. *Make our hearts like unto Thine.*

LET US PRAY

O Almighty and Eternal God, look upon the Heart of Thy dearly beloved Son, and upon the praise and satisfaction He offers Thee in the name of sinners, and for those who seek Thy mercy; be Thou appeased, and grant us pardon in the name of thy same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end.

R. Amen.

JESUS MOCKED AND SPAT UPON

Then the soldiers of the procurator took Jesus into the praetorium, and gathered together about Him the whole cohort. And they stripped Him and put on Him a scarlet cloak; and plaiting a crown of thorns, they put it upon His head, and a reed into His right hand; and bending the knee before Him they mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they spat on Him, and took the reed and kept striking Him on the head. And when they had mocked Him, they took the cloak off Him and put on Him His own garments, and let Him away to crucify Him.

JESUS CRUCIFIED

Now as they went out, they found a man of Cyrene named Simon; him they forced to take up His cross. And they came to the place called Golgotha, that is, the Place of the Skull. And they gave Him wine to drink mixed with gall; but when He had tasted it, He would not drink. And after they had crucified Him, they divided His garments, casting lots, [to fulfill that which was spoken through the prophets, saying, "They divided My garments among them, and upon My vesture they cast lots."] And sitting down they kept watch over Him. And they put above His head the charge against Him, written "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on His right hand and one on His left.

SUFFERING OF JESUS ON THE CROSS

Now the passers-by were jeering at Him, shaking their heads, and saying, "Thou Who destroyest the temple, and in three days buildest it up again, save Thyself! If Thou

art the Son of God, come down from the cross!" In like manner, the chief priests with the Scribes and the elders, mocking, said, "He saved others, Himself He cannot save! If He is the King of Israel, let Him come down now from the cross, and we will believe Him. He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He wants Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God'." And the robbers also, who were crucified with Him, reproached Him in the same way.

JESUS DIES

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. But about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani," that is, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" And some of the bystanders on hearing this said, "This man is calling Elias." And immediately one of them ran and, taking a sponge, soaked it in common wine, put it on a reed and offered it to Him to drink. But the rest said, "Wait, let us see whether Elias is coming to save Him." But Jesus again cried out with a loud voice, and gave up His spirit.

RECOGNIZES JESUS IS GOD

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were rent, and the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep arose; and coming forth out of the tombs after His resurrection, they came into the holy city, and appeared to many. Now when the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, they were very much afraid, and they said, "Truly He was the Son of God."

THE THREE COMMUNION PRAYERS

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast said to Thy apostles: Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you, regard not my sins but the faith of Thy Church, and deign to give her peace and unity according to Thy will. Who livest and reignest, God world without end. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who by the will of the Father, with the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, hast by Thy death given life to the world, deliver me by this Thy most sacred Body and Blood from all my sins and from every evil. Make me always cling to Thy commands, and never permit me to be separated from Thee. Who with the same God the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, God world without end. Amen.

Let not the partaking of Thy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I, all unworthy, make bold to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation, but by reason of Thy loving kindness, may it be to me a safeguard of both soul and body, and an effective remedy. Who livest and reignest with God the Father in the union of the Holy Ghost, God world without end. Amen.

CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN RACE TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

(Prescribed by His Holiness, Pope Pius XI,
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Most Sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before Thy altar. We are Thine, and Thine we wish to be; but, to be more surely united with Thee, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself today to Thy Most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known Thee, many too, despising Thy precepts, have rejected Thee. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Thy Sacred Heart. Be thou King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken Thee, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned Thee; grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house lest they die of wretchedness and hunger. Be Thou King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd. Be Thou King of all those who are still involved in the darkness of idolatry or of Islamism, and refuse not to draw them all into the light and kingdom of God. Turn Thine eyes of mercy toward the children of that race, once Thy chosen people. Of old they called down upon themselves the Blood of the Saviour; may it now descend upon them a laver of redemption and of life. Grant, O Lord, to Thy Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give peace and order to all nations, and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: Praise to the Divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to It be glory and honor forever. Amen.

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